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RE: MUR 5383
Paul A. Matteucci

Dear Mr. Hearne:

As we discussed yesterday, and as noted in the May 5, 2004 letter that accompanied the General Counsel's Brief sent to your client, Paul A. Matteucci, before granting any request for an extension of time to respond to the brief, the Office of General Counsel will require Mr. Matteucci or his legal representative to execute an agreement tolling the statute of limitations for a time period commensurate with the extension request. Enclosed is such an agreement.

Our records indicate that the General Counsel's Brief was delivered to Mr. Matteucci's residences in Arlington, Virginia and Chesterfield, Missouri, on May 6, 2004. Therefore, a response to the brief was due by May 21, 2004, fifteen days after receipt. As we discussed yesterday, in light of your recent representation of Mr. Matteucci, this Office is willing to agree to an extension of 25 days, until June 15, 2004, to file a response after we have received the executed tolling agreement. Together with the previous tolling agreement Mr. Matteucci signed on February 23, 2004, all applicable statute of limitations will be tolled for a total of seventy days.

As we discussed, we are also enclosing for you copies of certain documents that Mr. Matteucci has not yet provided to you: the aforementioned tolling agreement signed by Mr. Matteucci and the reason-to-believe notification letter, factual and legal analysis and proposed conciliation agreement sent to him on September 4, 2003 in an effort to resolve this matter. As I

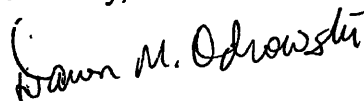
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noted in our discussion, Mr. Matteucci signed the earlier tolling agreement when he met with us at our office in February 2004 so that we could continue conciliating this matter. At that meeting Mr. Matteucci agreed to produce documents relevant to this matter to facilitate settlement, but he ultimately failed to do so. Please note that Mr. Matteucci initialed the agreement increasing the total days tolled from 30 to 45 days after informing us toward the end of our meeting that he would be out of town for a period of time in connection with an assignment for the Reserves. In accordance with the change in numerals made by Mr. Matteucci, I thereafter initialed and changed the word "thirty" to "forty-five."

Please sign the enclosed tolling agreement ("Consent to Extend Time to Institute a Civil Law Enforcement Suit") and return a copy to me by facsimile by the close of business on Tuesday, June 1, 2004. Upon receiving it, we will send you a letter granting your extension request. You may then mail or hand-deliver the original signed agreement

Finally, as we discussed, after you have reviewed the enclosed materials and have spoken further with Mr. Matteucci as you expect to do next week, we would be willing to discuss this matter further prior to the due date of the response. I can be reached at (202) 694-1591.

Sincerely,



Dawn M. Odrowski
Attorney

Enclosures:

New Tolling Agreement (Consent to Extend Time to Institute a Civil Law Enforcement Action
Executed February 23, 2004 Tolling Agreement
September 4, 2003 Letter to Paul Matteucci (with Factual and Legal Analysis and Proposed
Conciliation Agreement